BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OFMATHEW WADE WICHT LIC. NO. 2239

**CAUSE NO. 2020-09** 

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSSIONS OF LAW AND FINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD

This matter came before the Mississippi State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (Board) on May 21, 2021 in the matter of the licensed professional counselorlicense of Mr. Mathew Wade Wicht, License No. 2239. A quorum of Board members was present throughout the hearing and deliberations in this matter. As the investigative Board member in this matter Board member, Dr. Richard Strebeck, recused himself from the deliberations and voting on this matter.

Special Assistant Attorney General Alexis E. Morris presented the charges. The Respondent, Mathew Wade Wicht, appeared in person and was represented by attorney John Howell. Douglas Drew Malone served as Administrative Hearing officer, presided at the hearing, and was directed to prepare the Board's written decision in accordance with its deliberations. The Board conducted the hearing and having considered the evidence, exhibits and testimony presented at the hearing, makes the following conclusions and order based on clear and convincing evidence:

That the matters set forth in the complaint in this matter against Mr. Wicht and his license lapse were addressed by the Board in a letter dated December 15, 2017 and as such this matter should be dismissed.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter in this case pursuant to Section 73-20-21, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) as amended. Venue is likewise properly before the Board to hear this matter in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. The Board determines that the

allegations set forth in the Complaint had been previously addressed by the Board in 2017 and to take further action pertaining to the same subject matter would be in violation of the principle of *res judicata*.

## **FINAL DECISION**

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board finds that the Complaint filed in this matter against Mathew Wade Wicht be dismissed and no further action be taken against Mr. Wicht in this matter.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THIS THE 21st DAY OF MAY 2020.

Kimberly E. Sallis, Ph.D., LPC-S

Vice-Chair

For and on behalf of the Board